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<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2017 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">29,438 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$20,387</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2014 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">113,064 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD, LEATHER</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$12,987 OR \$239 PER MO.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2017 KIA SORRENTO LX AWD 7 PASSENGER</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">40,920 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$19,887</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2015 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">30,363 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$23,887</p>		
<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2014 RAM 1500 SCT CREW CAB 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">79,526 MILES, AUTO, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD, &amp; MORE</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$22,476</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2013 FORD F-150 SUPER CAB XLT 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">82,253 Miles, Auto, AC, PW, PL, CC TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$19,987</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2013 FORD F-150 REG CAB XL</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">60,556 MILES, AUTO, AC</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$14,987</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2008 FORD F-150 SUPER CAB FX4 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">106,712 MILES, AUTO AC PW PL CC TILT CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$13,787</p>		
<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2017 FORD FUSION SE 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">46,128 MILES, AUTO, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$15,487</p>				<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2016 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">39,578 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$17,987 OR \$289 PER MO.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">2014 NISSAN FRONTIER SV CREW CAB 4X4</p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">38,689 MILES, AUTO, AC, PW, PL, CC, TILT, CD</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red;">\$20,987</p>

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- Bruce Chadwick, "George & Martha"
- William Larry Kidder, "George Washington's Ten Crucial Days: Trenton and Princeton"
- Norman J. Bollen, "George Washington and the Mohawk Frontier"

This event will be held at The Fulton-Montgomery Community College, located at 2805 NY-67, Johnstown, NY. The event starts at 8:15 a.m.

and will end at 3:30 p.m. Admission fees are \$35 for advance registration, \$40 at the door and there is a discounted rate for students of \$20. The admission fee includes a lunch sandwich buffet and refreshment breaks. There will be an author book signing with books available for purchase.

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## Ft. Plain Free Library to begin 'Altered Books' workshop series Feb. 5

FORT PLAIN - Come to the Fort Plain Free Library this winter and transform an old book into a work of art.

Over six Tuesdays in February and March, the library will host mixed-media artist Julie Takacs, who will present her Altered Books workshop series. Classes will take place from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on the 5th, 12th and 19th of February and March.

Takacs said, "During this workshop, you will take a forlorn book that is destined for the trash and transform it into a new book."

She will walk participants through the steps for deconstruction and reconstruction of a book into their own personal masterpieces using mixed media techniques and a variety of art materials including paint and fabric.

"Each week will be a new discovery," she said.

Takacs has spent her entire life as a creative artist in upstate New

York, exploring the back country and rural areas of the region. Using the natural environment as her inspiration, she considers herself a regional artist, working to portray the outstanding natural beauty of upstate New York in various media, including painting and mixed media collage.

She maintains her own practice through teaching and workshops at Mapletown Studio in Canajoharie. She is also an adjunct professor of Graphic Art and Design at SUNY Cobleskill and works part-time as a graphic designer for Lee Publications. The exploration of nature and ecology continues to be a strong theme in her work.

Seating is limited, so advance registration is suggested.

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2 (16-ounce) cans fat-free chicken broth

1/4 cup water

1 cup thinly sliced carrots

1 cup thinly sliced celery  
1 scant cup uncooked noodles  
1 1/2 cups (8 ounces) diced cooked chicken breast

1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1. In a large saucepan, combine chicken broth, carrots and celery. Bring mixture to a boil. Stir in uncooked noodles, chicken, parsley flakes and black pepper.

2. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until veg-

etables and noodles are tender, stirring occasionally. Serves 4.

HINT: If you don't have leftovers, purchase a chunk of cooked chicken breast from your local deli.

\* Each serving equals: 179 calories, 3g fat, 23g protein, 15g carbs, 498mg sodium, 34mg calcium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 Vegetable, 1 Starch; Carb Choices: 1.

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## Writers' group to meet

FORT PLAIN — The writers' group at Fort Plain invites writers of all experience levels, styles, and genres to gather in the local history room of the Fort Plain Free Library each Thursday in December from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Writers at Fort Plain is a creative writing group made up of writers from varied writing backgrounds, interests, and objectives. In addition to exercises, participants share their work on mem-

oirs, novels, short stories, poems, and more.

It is facilitated by published writer, Joan Caska, and features constructive feedback in a friendly, fun and supportive setting. The forum is free and open to the public.

Call 518.993.4646 or visit the library at 19 Willett St., Fort Plain, for more information or a copy of the group's Winter 2018 compilation, "Our Type of Story."



## Calendar of events

**NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to [cfeditor@leepub.com](mailto:cfeditor@leepub.com)**

### Jan 26

**Otsego Master Gardener Annual Seed Swap.** 10 - 11 a.m. Kinney Memorial Library, in the Village of Hartwick. For more information, visit [www.cceschoharie-otsego.org/gardening](http://www.cceschoharie-otsego.org/gardening), or email [otsego@cornell.edu](mailto:otsego@cornell.edu).

### Jan 29

**Paper-crafting Workshop.** Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain, NY. Call 518.993.4646.

**Get Stuck on Stamps.** Thursday, Jan. 29 and every last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Contact: 518.993.4646.

### Jan 30

**St. Johnsville Seniors Saints pizza party.** 1 p.m. Lombardo's Pizza Plus, Route 5, St. Johnsville. For club members.

### Jan 31

**Writers' Group.** Each Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Contact 518.993.4646.

**Creative Textile Fibers Group meetings.** Thursdays in January between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain, NY. Contact: 518.993.4646.

### Feb 5

**Toddler-preschool story time to launch at library.** First and third Tuesdays of each month from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. The program is free, however seating is limited. Advance registration is suggested. New York. For more information, please call 518.993.4646.

**'Altered Books' workshop series.** 5 - 6:30 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Over six Tuesdays in February and March, the library will host mixed-media artist Julie Takacs. Classes will take place on the 5th, 12th, and 19th of February and March. For more information or to register, please call 518.993.4646.

**Alex Torres and the Latin Kings.** 7 - 10 p.m. Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101, 8 Fourth Avenue, Amsterdam. Band plays from 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. World Famous Latin Band. Cash Bar. Free Munchies. Food for purchase. \$10 at the door admission. For more information call Michelle Egelston at 518.339.2260.

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Cooperstown. Reservations are \$150 per person, and all proceeds will support Bassett Medical Center's Arts in Health Care program. For soirée reservations, call Sheila LeMaster at 607.547.4799 or make your reservation online through the Friends' website at [www.friendsofbassett.org](http://www.friendsofbassett.org).

**Free Clothing Give-Away.** 9 - 11 a.m. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Valley Alliance Church, on State Highway 5, just one mile east of the Nelliston traffic light. Refreshments will be provided.

**Canajoharie Forest, Fish and Game Association Coyote Hunt.** Registration Feb. 8, 5-8 p.m.

### Feb 11

**And 'sew' it begins.** Feb 11 19. 5:30 - 7 p.m. each night. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Intermediate and advanced sewists are invited to join retired Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Pamela Boynton at the Fort Plain Free Library on Monday, Feb. 11th, to brainstorm about potential classes and/or workshops they would like to see offered in a group setting related to their sewing machines, challenges, skills, or techniques. Participants will plot out a workshop or series of workshops pertaining to their interests. New York.

### Feb 13

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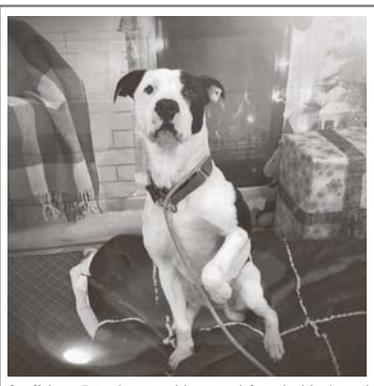
**Lexi** is a beautiful 67 pound spayed female Coonhound who is about 2 to 3 years old. She is a little shy at first, but once she warms up she is a complete mush! This sweetheart is good with some dogs.



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**April** is a 5 to 6 year old spayed female black and white pitty mix. April is dog selective and would do best in a quiet home with no young children or cats. April loves going on adventures and is great in the car. She loves to play ball and sunbathe.



**Yogi** is a 3 to 4 year old pittie boy. He is a ball of energy. Yogi is about 60 pounds. He loves toys! Yogi would do best in a home with no young kids or cats. He needs to be tested with other dogs yet.



**Shellie** - Is a 4 to 5 year old spayed female shepherd (hound) mix? She is great with cats, good with some dogs but shy around new people.



**Boris** - 8 to 10 year old neutered male pit bull. Quiet home, older kids, dog selective.



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## The Passage of Time call for art at Schoharie Crossing

FORT HUNTER – Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is issuing a call for photograph submissions to be included in the 2019 art exhibit "The Passage of Time." Photographers residing in New York State who want to showcase their work in a competitive, juried exhibition are encouraged to read the show description and submit original work within the theme by the deadline of May 15.

To recognize the ongoing commemoration of New York State Barge Canal heritage and historic Erie Canal, Schoharie Crossing is hosting this third annual exhibition of talented artists. This year the focus will be on photographs only. Jurors have accepted the task of reviewing the pieces and prizes will be awarded to those honored by the jurors.

The Erie Canal historic site and New York State Park is a great place for recreation such as walking, cycling, kayaking, fishing, birdwatching, picnics, and more, providing memories and experiences for generations. The site supplies great views of nature as well and the historic canal structures are juxtaposed among the natural world of plants and animals along the Schoharie Creek and Mohawk River. The trails along old towpaths of the canal allow for a journey back in time. Flora and fauna thrive within the tranquility of the waterways, wetlands and open spaces of Schoharie Crossing, lending great inspiration for any artist.

The Erie Canal's vital importance is highlighted by the classic arches of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct and the impressive lock chambers that still exist at locations throughout Schoharie Crossing. Views of the Mohawk and Schoharie valleys can also be taken in as you explore this landscape.

Schoharie Crossing encompasses over 200 acres and spans over three miles in length – from the western end of the site at the Aqueduct boat launch, across the Schoharie Creek and east to Yankee Hill Lock and the Putman Canal Store. The site contains portions of the original 1820s Erie Canal as well as features two sets of double locks from the Enlarged Era Canal and is adjacent to the Erie Canal of today, the Mohawk River. Lock E12 at Tribes Hill on the river is situated close to the site and provides access to witnessing the newest century old canal of today.

All along the site there is ample opportunity to explore your artistic skills, from photography to painting to sketches. Discover more on the Schoharie Crossing

Facebook page or on the Friends of Schoharie Crossing Instagram and Twitter.

Submissions can be made online at <https://goo.gl/63y6Vx>. The exhibit's opening celebration will take place during the Schoharie Crossing Canal Days festivities on July 6, and artwork will be displayed inside the Enders House until Sept. 1. For more information on how to enter, visit the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site page of the New York State Parks website, [nysparks.com](http://nysparks.com), call Schoharie Crossing at 518.829.7516, email [SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov](mailto:SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov) or find us on Facebook.



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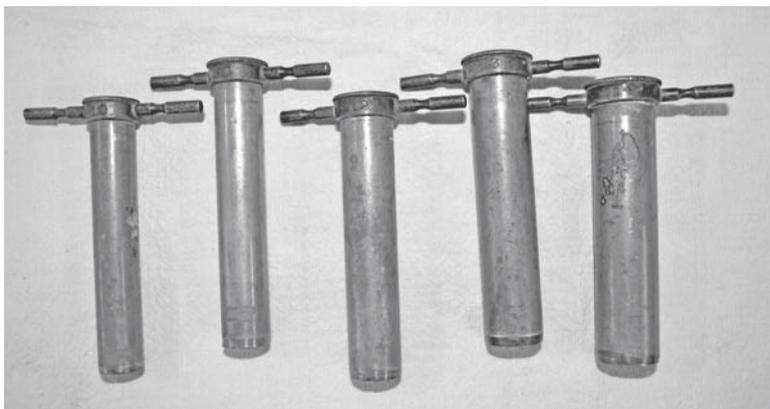
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## Whatchamacallits



This week's Whatchamacallit is identifiable to those in the scientific community, but less so outside of it. This interesting device is a cork borer.

This item is made out of brass and multiples can be stored by nesting one into the other. The sizes of the borers range from 10 to 14 mm. The

only thing missing from this set is an item called the pusher, used to push out the item from inside the borer.

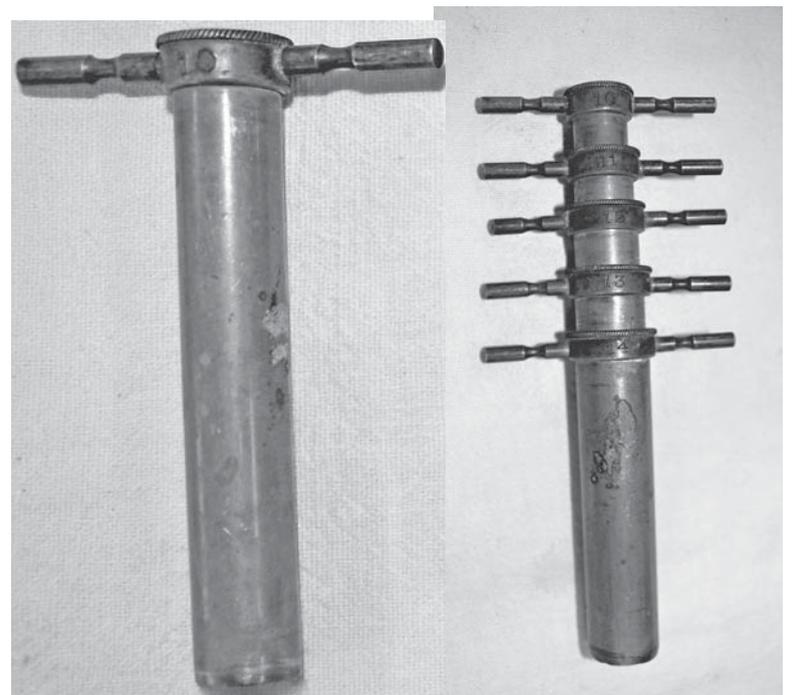
The use of this item was originally to punch holes out of corks used in scientific experiments. The borer is hollow and the cylindrical end would be sharpened before being

pushed through the cork. The pusher would then be placed through the hollow of the handled-end and it would push out the cut remains.

This was, and still is, convenient for scientists. Since the mid-1800s, cork would be used to stop vials of chemicals in biology and chemical experiments. Boring a hole in the corks would allow tubes to be inserted into the vials.

Modern day scientists would use the borers for tree ring analysis, coring into fruits or vegetables and to perform well diffusion assays.

This video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA4E2toNF2Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA4E2toNF2Y) shows science students using cork borers to take samples of foods without completely compromising the skin. I found it to be enjoyable.



**Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?**  
Send a photo and short description to [cllewellyn@leepub.com](mailto:cllewellyn@leepub.com).

# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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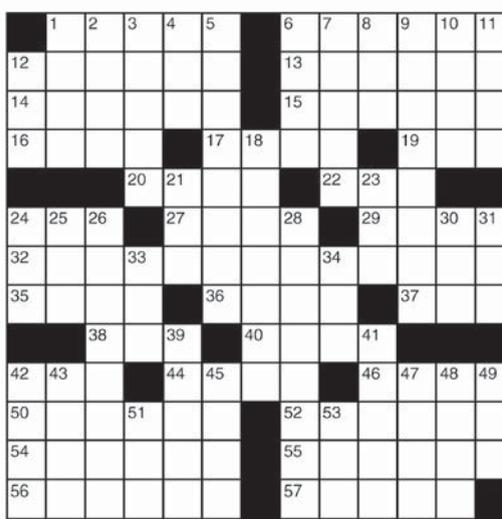
Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Bear is wearing mittens. 3. Boy's glove is black. 4. Mountains are snow-capped. 5. Boy's freckles are missing. 6. Bear has three toes.

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 — about (spread the word)
- 6 Utters
- 12 Grads
- 13 Recluse
- 14 ymnosophist's practice
- 15 Incompetent
- 16 Vicinity
- 17 Sicilian spouter
- 19 Tier
- 20 Onetime NYC mayor
- 22 Writer
- 24 Sternward
- 27 Near the treasure
- 29 "Thin Man" dog
- 32 Just one thing after another?
- 35 Deserve
- 36 Arp's movement
- 37 Poehler or Grant
- 38 Panasonic competitor
- 40 Incline
- 42 Slithery squeezer
- 44 Not so much
- 46 Radius neighbor
- 50 German Chancellor



- 7 Punishment-related
- 8 Geological time
- 9 Food of the gods
- 10 Narc's measure
- 11 Crockpot creation
- 12 Literary collection
- 18 Menaces
- 21 Possess
- 23 Chow down
- 24 Expert
- 25 Govt. lender
- 26 Seasoning herb
- 28 Guaranteed
- 30 Male turkey
- 31 One or more
- 33 Business abbr.
- 34 Hoosegow
- 39 Back street
- 41 Disney pachyderm
- 42 Wild party
- 43 Never again?
- 45 41-Down's "wings"
- 47 Noisy
- 48 Schnozz
- 49 Illustrations
- 51 Blunder
- 53 Neither mate

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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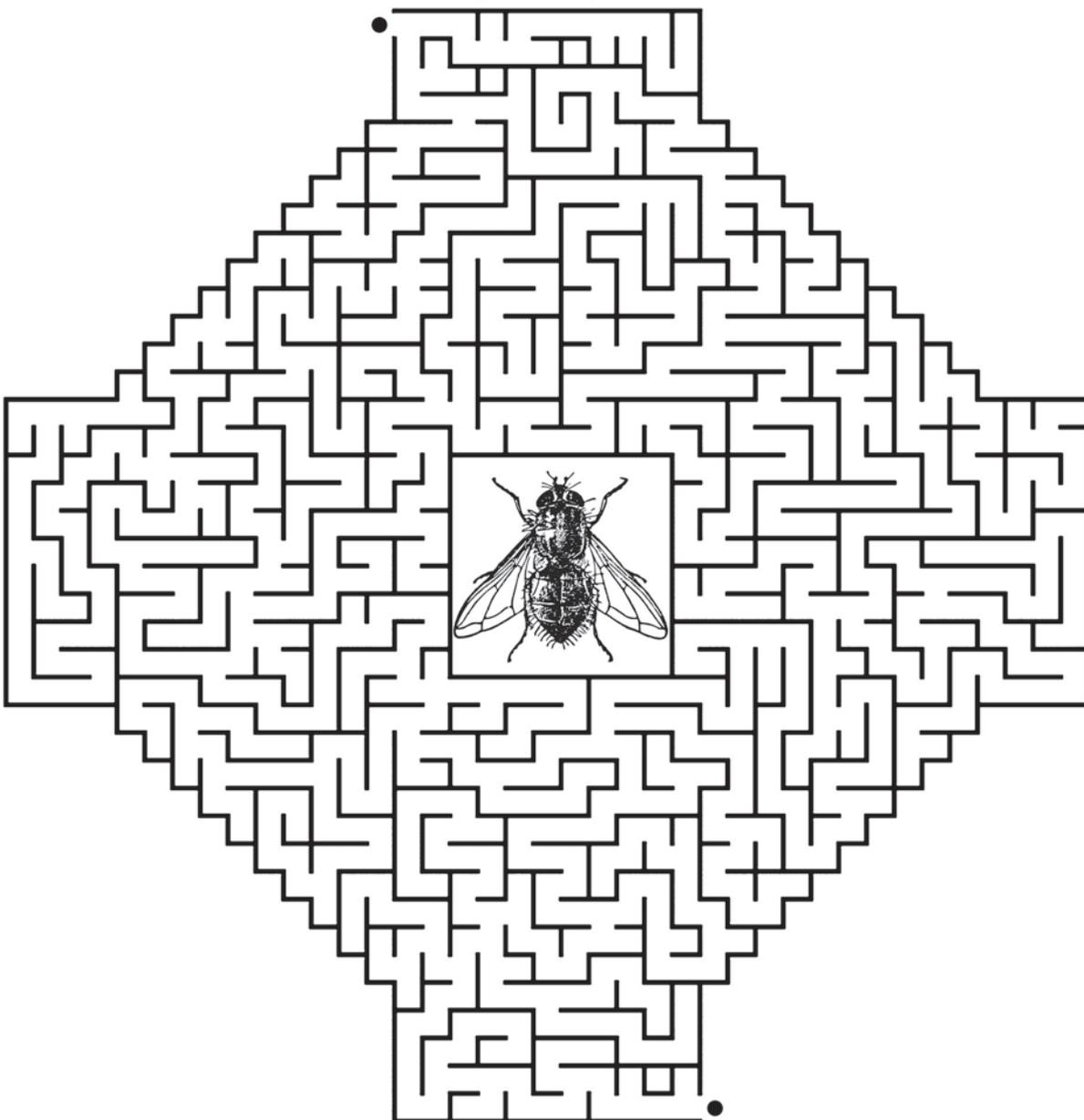
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Mega Maze

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# Americanisms



“Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.”  
— Martin Luther King Jr.

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In seed time learn,  
in harvest teach,  
in winter enjoy.  
- William Blake

## Dining etiquette rules

Proper dining etiquette has a place whether you're enjoying a meal at a five-star restaurant, a fast-food joint or at home.

While there are some written rules about social etiquette, there also are unwritten rules rooted in courtesy. By following these guidelines, any dining experience can go smoothly.

### Put down the phone

When dining out or attending a party, direct your attention to fellow guests or dining partners and not your devices. Turn off the ringer, resist the urge to check the sports score, wait to text a friend until you're done, and devote your attention to the meal.

### Let the host lead

The host or hostess is responsible for setting

the tone of the meal and ensuring everyone is comfortable. Take a backseat to your host and let him or her guide the meal.

### Patience is a virtue

Restaurant wait times are not an exact science. Restaurant hostesses can offer an estimate, but it's impossible to say exactly when you'll be seated. Do not take frustrations out on the staff. If time is of the essence, dine during off-peak hours or visit a less busy establishment.

### Go sparingly on substitutions

Restaurants should be willing to cater to certain requests, especially if food allergies are a concern. However, do not act like the establishment is your personal kitchen. Make reasonable re-

quests.

### Be punctual

Make and keep reserva-

tions, which help keep the flow of the dinner party going smoothly. Ar-

rive at a home on time, as party hosts likely have timed their foods accord-

ingly and you don't want to delay or spoil the taste and presentation of the food.

### Keep children in check

Dining out with children presents an opportunity to teach them manners. To avoid meltdowns, be sure children are well-rested and have had a snack before arriving. Avoid scenes that disturb other diners; take the child outside to calm down if he or she acts up. Call ahead to make sure a restaurant is child-friendly. For a dinner party at a private residence, the invite usually will indicate if children are invited and is usually addressed as "and family."



Following dining etiquette rules can make meals more enjoyable for everyone.

## Respond promptly to all invitations

In August 2018, a story made the rounds on social media rounds that was ultimately covered by various news outlets. The mother of a 4-year-old New Jersey boy sent 30 invitations to his preschool classmates for a party at Chuck E. Cheese's, a popular kids' party venue. After receiving no responses, the mother held high hopes the kids would just show

up. None of them did, and her son was devastated. Chuck E. Cheese employees collected gifts and gave the boy a make-up party a few days later as a silver lining, but this story underscores a growing problem.

Unfortunately, according to the etiquette experts at the Emily Post Institute, failure to RSVP has become common — no matter if it is a birth-

day party, dinner party or wedding. The Institute goes on to say that relationships often suffer due to hosts' frustration and hurt feelings.

Hosts await responses so they can determine how much food and beverages to have on hand, and to coordinate other details of the party. When invited guests do not respond, it can lead to emotional and possible finan-

cial stress among party hosts.

With the exception of "regrets only" invitations, it is absolutely essential to let hosts know if their invitation will be accepted or not — and to do so within the time frame expressed on the invitation. It may be uncomfortable to say no, but it shows you respect the party host.

- If a phone number is on the invitation, call and personally give a response, as leaving a message can be unreliable.

- Many people now offer texting or email options for responses. It only takes a minute to hit "reply" and give an answer.

- Evites also are popular. Invited guests simply follow the directions laid out in the evite. Remember to follow up promptly with an answer if you initially opt for "maybe."

- Mail back response cards promptly so they arrive by the RSVP.

- Be sure if you receive a "regrets only" invite that you give your regrets if you can't go. If the host doesn't hear from you, your presence is expected.

It is poor form to fail to RSVP to an invitation or to submit your response late. Be prompt when accepting or declining an invitation.



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## Toddler-preschool story time to launch at library

FORT PLAIN – The Fort Plain Free Library is pleased to announce the February launch of its 2019 toddler-preschool story times. In addition to stories, the half-hour-long programs for toddlers, preschool-aged youngsters and their parents or adult caregivers will feature action rhymes, simple craft projects and healthy snacks.

The program is free; however, seating is limited. Advance registration is suggested.

For more information, call 518.993.4646. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St. Follow the library on Facebook for updates.

## Otsego Master Gardener annual seed swap

The Otsego Master Gardeners will host their annual Master Gardener Seed Swap on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Kinney Memorial Library in the village of Hartwick. Participation is free, and you do not have to donate seeds to benefit.

National Seed Swap Day is designated as the last Saturday in January. The mission is to conserve and promote crop diversity in local communities through a planned event at which neighbors gather to exchange seeds and chat about plans for the upcoming season. A selection of 2018 seeds will be on hand.

For more information, visit [www.ceschoharie-otsego.org/gardening](http://www.ceschoharie-otsego.org/gardening) or email [otsego@cornell.edu](mailto:otsego@cornell.edu).

## Did you know?

A first dance song at the wedding reception often sets the tone for the upcoming festivities and can exemplify just how newlyweds feel about each other. Couples may agonize over which song to choose, but there are many different resources available that can help couples narrow down their options. Spotify, the popular streaming music service, has compiled a list of the most popular wedding songs for 2018, based on global respondents. Their top pick was "Perfect," by Ed Sheeran, a song that many might suspect was composed with wedding dances in mind. Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud," Etta James' "At Last," John Legend's "All of Me," and Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love" filled out the remaining top five spots on Spotify's list.



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## A tavern disappears

Today I heard of the loss by fire of the old structure at the corner of Fox Road and Route 5 near Fort Klock. To many it was known as Mrs. Carter's house. Historically, it was more to some of us. In the dawning years of the 1800s it was Edwards Tavern. The then-new Mohawk Turnpike was flooded with fancy coaches, flocks of sheep and cattle and wagons drawn by horses, mules and oxen, all heading to eastern markets or west toward new lands to be settled. Edwards Tavern took its place with others nearly every mile or so.

Unfortunately, I never had a chance to tour the entire house, but I did the cellar. There was a remarkable cupboard down there that I'm sure once held the bottles of beverages that found their way to customers. When I first passed Edwards Tavern in 1954 the back stable and the dance hall overhead were still in good condition. I was allowed to see

the fiddlers' bench in that dance hall.

At that time there was a quantity of empty Dr. J. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters bottles under the fiddlers' bench and the side wall benches. Some had reasonably intact labels. I was given one of them. I hold it in my hands now. I'm not sure what the contents were but much of the mixture was doubtless alcohol, as were

many of the remedies in those days.

Years ago, this writer dreamed of restoring Edwards Tavern and a short section west of the Mohawk Turnpike to a crossing over to Fort Klock, the school and the blacksmith shop. That short section of the road could have carried various conveyances typical to the late 18th and early 19th centuries for visitors

in the 20th and 21st centuries. It would have been interesting, would it not?

Now Edwards Tavern joins Spraker Tavern (torn down several years ago), Failing Tavern (which once stood in upper St. Johnsville) and a host of others now only shadowy memories.

Luckily, Nellis Tavern survives.

**Skip Barshied**  
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## Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

### A resolution to live by

**Dear Paw's Corner:** I chuckled while reading your recent column, because I remember a New Year's resolution I made: I resolved to never tell any critter that enters our yard to go home!

Three years ago I spotted a cat in our back yard. I yelled at it, "Go home! I don't need you here." It ran off, but one winter morning, I opened my front door to find the same cat laying on our porch. He was so skinny, and he wasn't moving until I got close, when he tried to run off. Luckily, my service dog "Ehra" ran after him and caught him, gently picked him up by the scruff of his neck and took him to her dog house out back. Ehra curled up next to the cat to keep him warm.

It took over two years for "Tiger" to trust me enough to let me pet him. Now,

he won't leave my side.

Last week, another feral cat appeared in my back yard. I made my latest New Year's resolution when I saw it: I'll do my best to care for this cat, and hopefully convince it to stay on our property, even if it never becomes truly tame.

Tiger is a constant reminder of what I have to do to help all animals.

One more thing: People need to spay and neuter their pets. My "lottery dream" is to buy mobile spay/neuter vehicles for every county, state and even other countries. But it's just a dream, for now. — Dee in New York

**Dear Dee:** What an awesome resolution, and perfect advice to pet owners. The homeless pet population is huge. Owners can directly impact these numbers by getting their pets fixed.

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# Land Bank receives \$1.2 million grant

LITTLE FALLS – The office of Letitia James, the New York State Attorney General, has announced \$25.9 million in new funding for all New York State land banks that work to protect homeowners and neighborhoods by acquiring blighted homes and transforming them into community assets.

Since 2013, the Attorney General's office has provided more than \$82 million to land banks from funding it secured through settlements with the nation's largest banks over misconduct that contributed to the housing crisis. This latest funding was secured through Martin Act securities fraud settlements announced earlier this year with the Royal Bank of Scotland and UBS.

The Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB) has been awarded \$1.2 million to be used to fight blight in Herkimer, Montgomery, Schoharie and Otsego counties and the cities of Rome and Utica, all founding Foreclosing Governmental Units (FGUs) of GMVLB.

Karl Gustafson, chair of the GMVLB Board of Directors, said, "This latest grant demonstrates the state's confidence in this land bank's vision and organizational structure. Because we have demonstrated our ability to work across a large geographic area and six FGUs and to work with collaborating governments and nonprofits, the state has rewarded us for our progress."

Gustafson said, "We have studied the efforts of the first and second round land banks in New York State and found that at 18 months from incorporation, GMVLB is well ahead of where many of our peers were at a similar point in their develop-

ment. We continue to set ambitious goals such as a database of serial offenders on codes and those that speculate on and rent unsafe properties, and are working to realize those goals."

Joe Marino, GMVLB treasurer, said, "The best way to move our communities forward is to have a regional approach to problem-solving. The challenges in this region cross political parties, jurisdictions and socio-economic conditions. I'm proud to be the treasurer of GMVLB and to help bring our resources to reduce blight in partnerships with our communities and our region as a whole."

Tolga Morawski, GMVLB's executive director, said, "GMVLB is the only organization that crosses municipal and county taxing jurisdictions to foster economic development by reducing blighted properties."

"GMVLB works to share best practices regarding zoning, code enforcement, comprehensive plan development and updates across roughly 150 taxing jurisdictions that we see as our partners," said Morawski.

"GMVLB's long-term navigational point is to encourage our FGUs to be able to resolve 'No New Blight' and to have policies and practices to support that," said Morawski.

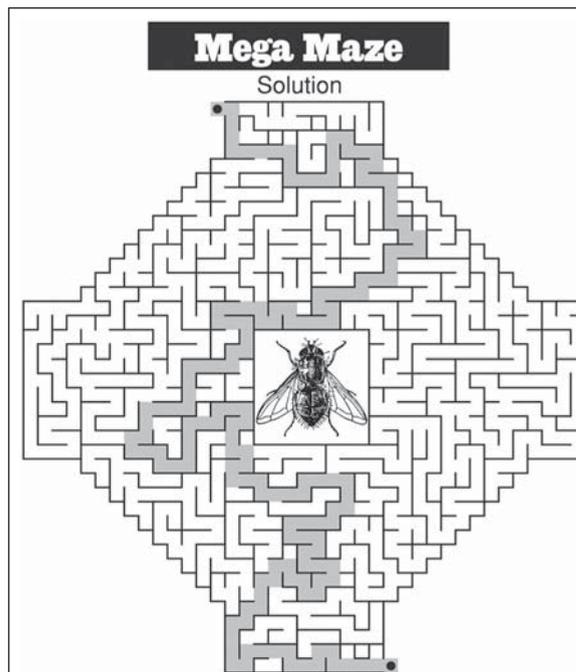
John Mazzarella III, GMVLB's project manager, said, "These new funds will allow GMVLB to acquire and manage more blighted properties in our target areas. We have increased our properties for sale by 100 percent in the last quarter and are actively rehabbing, stabilizing or, as a last resort, demolishing properties in each of our FGUs."

Mazzarella said

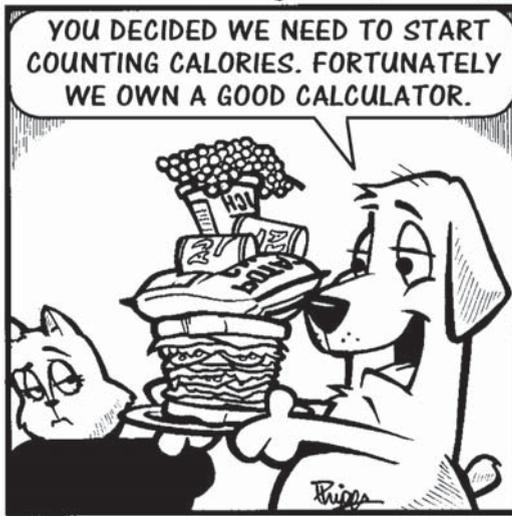
GMVLB's target areas are in dire need of investment. "Our region is the most distressed in the state by many standards, and the hardest hit areas show blight and property vacancy rates far into the double digits," said Mazzarella.

Mary Puznowski, mayor of the village of Dolgeville in Herkimer County, said, "It is encouraging to see how GMVLB considers our broad community goals and longer-term interests. By improving blighted properties, the property tax base will sta-

bilize and increase, providing tax revenues for our municipality." Puznowski said this all takes time and "could not happen without the cooperation of our volunteer citizens and Dolgeville Forward, GMVLB's non-profit Worthy Partner."



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Fri., Feb. 8th • 5pm-8pm • Sat., Feb. 9th • 6am-8am  
**Hunt: Sat., Feb. 9th • 8am-4pm**  
**Weigh-in: Must be back to club by 4pm!**

60/40 Cash Prize Payout ~ 1) Heaviest Male  
2) Heaviest Female

**Gun Raffle • Item Raffle • 50/50 Drawing**

Kitchen Open from 8am day of hunt.

HUNTERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL DEC REGULATIONS.  
THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.

Information & Questions:  
Joe Bennett 518-265-3604 or Joe Fasone 518-441-1815

## Commercial US Range

### 6 Burner • Oven

**Works great!**

**No room for it**






**Canajoharie Moose 853**

**518-673-3993**

**or 1-518-848-6469**



# TAX RELIEF EVENT



**INTEREST FREE FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT**

**\*WILL PAY THE SALES TAX** On Your Total Furniture, Mattress or Accessories Purchase! **THAT'S RIGHT**, Livingston's Will **DISCOUNT YOUR PURCHASE THE AMOUNT OF THE NYS SALES TAX** On Your Purchase



**Ashley Rocker Recliner Gunsmoke**  
**Sale \$495**



**Simmons upholstery Harlow Ash w/ Throw Pillows Sofa and Loveseat 2 pc. Set**  
**Sale \$995**  
**Matching Rocker Recliner**  
**Sale \$379**



**Ashley Wallsaver Recliner walnut**  
**Sale \$279**



**Klaussner, Dual Reclining Sofa**  
**Sale \$749**



**All Wood Oak/ Slate Dining Table w/ 4 side Chairs Butterfly Leaf**  
**Clearance \$995**



**Ultimate Power Lift Recliner Chairs**



**Simmons Upholstery Osborn Tan Power Reclining Sofa or Power Reclining Console Loveseat**  
**Sale \$995**

**STARTING @ \$595**

**HURRY IN, FOR BEST SELECTION!**  
**SALE ENDS 2/13/2019**

## MATTRESS SPECIALS THROUGHOUT OUR SLEEP CENTER

Solstice Corona Euro Top	Symbol Sheridan Plush or Firm	Oliver & James Westminster Euro Top	Symbol Shelton 2-Sided Firm	Oliver & James Manchester Euro Top or St. James Firm	Englander Enclosed Coil w/Gel Turin Plush
<b>\$288</b>	<b>\$499</b>	<b>\$599</b>	<b>\$649</b>	<b>\$795</b>	<b>\$799</b>
Queen Set Was \$499	Queen Set Was \$699	Queen Set Was \$799	Queen Set Was \$749	Queen Set Was \$999	Queen Set Was \$999
Was \$299 <b>NOW \$198</b>	Was \$499 <b>NOW \$379</b>	Was \$599 <b>NOW \$395</b>	Was \$649 <b>NOW \$449</b>	Was \$749 <b>NOW \$549</b>	Was \$849 <b>NOW \$649</b>
Twin Set \$399 <b>\$248</b>	Twin Set \$579 <b>\$479</b>	Twin Set \$699 <b>\$495</b>	Twin Set \$699 <b>\$599</b>	Twin Set \$899 <b>\$699</b>	Twin Set \$949 <b>\$749</b>
Full Set \$399 <b>\$248</b>	Full Set \$579 <b>\$479</b>	Full Set \$699 <b>\$495</b>	Full Set \$699 <b>\$599</b>	Full Set \$899 <b>\$699</b>	Full Set \$949 <b>\$749</b>
King Set \$949 <b>\$699</b>	King Set \$949 <b>\$699</b>	King Set \$1599 <b>\$795</b>	King Set \$999	King Set \$1299 <b>\$1095</b>	King Set \$1299 <b>\$1095</b>

**Queen Adjustable Bed Base w/ Bamboo Queen Euro Top Mattress**



**STARTING @ \$995**  
**While Supplies Last**



**Complete captains bed available at additional cost**

**Lang Furniture Shaker Style Rodeo Oak Bedroom Set**  
**Sale \$895**  
**(Includes Dresser/ Mirror, Queen Panel HDBD, 5 Drawer Chest, Night Stand)**

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**FREE DELIVERY AND SET UP, REMOVAL OF OLD AVAILABLE!**

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